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## UP, UP & AWAY

Brave souls took to the sky last week conducting various work around Russell County.

Above, using safety equipment and strict procedures, a lineman was busy behind a building off Main St. in Russell Springs.

Left, work was apparently being done on cell towers in both Russell Springs and Jamestown.

## After 20 years in lake Crashed chopper retrieved



From left, Matt McDaniel, Jerry Stephens, Alex Ashley, Chris Money, and Arianna Money were all smiles after successfully retrieving a helicopter which crashed into Lake Cumberland 20 years ago. (Photo provided)

By Wade Daffron  
TJ Editor

For 20 years, people far and wide have talked about “that helicopter that went in the lake.”

There are various versions of what happened on Lake Cumberland two decades ago, but local entrepreneur Landon Helm “had a front row seat.”

“I was there when it went down,” he said.

Helm said he was on the main channel of the lake

- watching Poker Run festivities - when a small, two-person helicopter flying close to the lake’s surface “went down” between Low Gap and Cemetery Island.

“I remember it like it was yesterday,” he said.

Helm’s memory was instrumental in helping divers find and retrieve the helicopter almost 20 years to the day it crashed.

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## Rexroat named as Coach of the Year

By Lisa Coffey  
Times Journal

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David Rexroat, long time Russell County High School Baseball coach, has been selected to represent Kentucky as the 2022 High School Coach of the Year (Baseball) by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and its executive committee.

Rexroat will represent Kentucky at the 2023 NHSACA Conference to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 23-29,

A 1988 graduate of Russell County High School, Rexroat played high school baseball and went on to play at Georgetown and Lindsey Wilson College.

His coaching career began in Adair County as an assistant coach to T.P. Scott.

After three years, he

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Heralded RCHS Baseball Coach  
David Rexroat

## Creelsboro Festival

A chance to step back in time will be offered to those attending the Third Annual Creelsboro Festival next month.

This year’s festival, held along the banks of the Cumberland River, is set for this Saturday, September 24.

Creelsboro was once a thriving river port in the southern part of Russell County.

The area’s rich history will be celebrated and visited with various events and activities.

Festival organizer Bob Bell promises a day of food, fun, and fellowship.

Those attending can participate in:

- 10 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies under “The Big Tent” with stories from the past
- 10:30 a.m. - Games for children of all ages, and

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